

1 Corinthians 1:4-5

"His Grace IS Amazing!"

December 3, 2023

Shepherd of the Pines Lutheran Church

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Welcome to Shepherd of the Pines!

About Our Worship Service

We're glad that you're here. Our order of service is in this bulletin and the lyrics to the songs will be on the screen. Our service is semi-casual and easy to follow along.

What About My Kids?

We encourage children to sit with their parents in the church service since the parents model worship and faith to their children (Deuteronomy 6:7). However, small children can get a little restless, so we have a nursery that is in the back of the Fellowship Hall. Ask an usher or greeter to help you find the nursery and they will gladly show you around.

Do I Have to Give an Offering?

If you're visiting with us, we don't want you to feel obligated. We are glad that you are here. You are welcome to give financially if you wish.

Can I Take Communion?

Along with the historic church, our church teaches that not only is bread and wine present in communion, but also it is the true body and blood of Jesus for the forgiveness of sins (Matthew 26:26-28; 1 Corinthians 10:16; 11:29).

If you believe that communion is the true body and blood of Christ and you are repentant of your sins, we welcome you to our table.

Thank you for visiting with us. Please sign our guest book. You are welcome to take a visitor guide also.

December 3, 2023

9am Worship Service

10am Fellowship

10:20 Sunday School/Youth Group

10:30 Bible Study

Heather, Musician

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Announcements

Opening Song

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Invocation

Pastor: We gather to worship in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Prayer as we light the First Advent Candle

Pastor: God of hope,

Congregation: We light this candle as we prepare for the coming of Your Son. Awaken our hearts to You this Advent season, so that when Christ arrives, we are ready to receive Him with all our hearts, all our minds, and all our strength.

Pastor: We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Savior and Lord.

Congregation: Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord. Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us His forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

Congregation: Who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: I will confess my sins unto the Lord,

Congregation: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Pastor: O Almighty God, heavenly Father,

Congregation: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Pastor: Upon this your confession I by virtue of my office as an ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you. And in the stead and by the command of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Children's Message

Scripture Readings

Old Testament – Isaiah 64:1-9 (Page 742)

Epistle – 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 (Page 1128)

Gospel – Mark 13:24-37 (Page 1006)

Sermon Song

“Change My Heart, O God”

Sermon
Pastor Dave Strohschein
"His Grace IS Amazing!"
1 Corinthians 1:4-5

Notes:

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering Announcement

Offering Song

"Emmanuel"

Prayer (Family this week: Troy & Ann Hovland

Children: Carter & Shelby)

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen

The Benediction

Closing Song

“Joy to the World”

Next Week's Readings: Isaiah 40:1-11
 2 Peter 3:8-14
 Mark 1:1-8



We are glad to have you with us today! Please sign our guest book, and join us for fellowship after Service.

Online Giving

Available Now, Go to SOTP website: sotpministries.com or call the office at 320-393-4295 for help setting this up.



Congratulations to First Communion Class of 2023

May the Holy Spirit continually pour His love, comfort, and guidance into the lives of those who are taking Communion for the first time.

Annalyse Dubbin Brayden Dubbin Joselynn Dubbin
Cecilia Kiraly Isabelle Lindeman Ella Salzburn
Skylar Sauer Peter Seppelt

Galatians 5:22-23 ²²But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

Keep Eyes open for upcoming events!

- Sunday School at 10:20
 - Bible Study 10:30-11:00am
 - Tuesday, December 5th 6:30 pm Pastor Kampfer introduction video
 - Quilters meet Tuesday 9am and Thursday 9am
 - Wednesday morning Bible study 9:30am
 - Al-Anon meets Tuesday at 6pm & AA meets Thursday at 7pm
 - Special Voters meeting December 10th
 - Children Christmas Program December 17th
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We will have a voting congregational meeting on December 10th after church at 10:20.

Pastor Russell Kampfer

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Go to St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church Wausau WI Facebook page to review some Pastor Sermon notes

We will have an introduction meeting on **Tuesday, December 5th at 6:30**. We encourage you to check out the information on Pastor Kampfer, and prayerfully consider how he might fit into God's plan for our church.

If you want to see the PIFs and SETs please contact Julie in the office to set up a time to look at them. These items cannot leave SOTP.

Call Committee Members

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*If you have any questions for Pastor Dave Strohschein, this is his contact information as well. 320-241-5806

Shepherd of the Pines Mission Statement: Connecting People to God...To Others...and To Service

The purpose of this congregation is mandated for us by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, as found in the words of the Great Commission (Matthew 28), namely first of all to Go; to leave our walls of refuge, going into all the world, comprised of our families and neighbors. We plan to achieve our purpose by identifying persons with whom we are particularly well-equipped to serve and reach with the challenge of becoming Disciples of Christ.

Second, to Make Disciples or in the words of St Paul, "To equip the saints" (Ephesians 4:12). This is to be understood as helping people to live the Christian life here on earth, preparing and encouraging young and old alike to find and to use their God given gifts and abilities for the extension of His Kingdom, and to grow in fervent love for God and for others.

Third, to Baptize as commanded by Jesus Himself. As God reaches down to mankind with His means of grace, He would have us baptize His people, bringing them into His family and Kingdom, granting them life, forgiveness of sins, and eternal salvation.

And lastly, to continue steadfast in His Word, Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you. A continued zeal for the study of His Word, the Bible, is necessary for the growth of any Christian congregation. Thus, the Word of God will be taught and studied in full measure and His Word shall be the rule and norm of this congregation's faith and life.

To that end, our every effort and energy will be used in motivating, training, and putting to use our time, and talents and treasures to Make Disciples.

Board of Lay Ministry/Elders

Kyle Hackett, Pres.	266-1700	Joan Ramey	217-4431
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Keith Peterson - Church Properties

Executive Ministry Team

Jami Kreifels - Activity Team Leader

Brenda Hackett - Education & Colleen Woods Small Group Leader

Keith Hackett - Worship Team Leader

December Altar Guild: Roxanne Peterson, Juli Popp, & Karen Ellefson

December Counters: Ron McKeever & Wayne Anderson



Shepherd of the Pines

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Worship Shepherd has a clipboard for prayer requests. You will find the clipboard in the narthex before you enter the church sanctuary. Prayer requests are important, and we encourage you to get your requests on the prayer list so they can be included in the worship prayer time.



Please keep our baptized children in your prayers...

Child's Name

Bryce Nathan Leyk
Maverick Lee Wolff
Coen Maxwell Line
Cal Nicholas Cervenka
Barrett James Eggert
Amelia Rose Wentland
Joel Richard Page IV
Rosalynn Grace Hall
Barrett Charles Cole

Date of Baptism

December 18, 2022
January 8, 2023
January 8, 2023
January 29, 2023
February 5, 2023
February 26, 2023
May 14, 2023
May 21, 2023
October 8, 2023

SOTP Drop Site for Toys for Tots



Please consider a donation! All toys and monetary donations will stay in the St. Cloud area. If you have any questions please call the United Way at 800-543-7709. Please have donations here by December 7th!

Holiday Worship Schedule

Advent Services –

December 6th, 13th, & 20th 6:30pm

Children's Sunday Service- December 17th

Christmas Eve Services

December 24th 9am with Holy Communion – and

Candlelight Service at 3:00pm and 5:00pm



ADVENT: A Time for Prayer.

Advent services will begin on Wednesday, December 6th . We will also have a service on December 13th and 20th with each service beginning at 6:30 p.m. Our theme this year will focus on prayer as prayer is a great way to prepare for the celebration of our Savior's birth.

December 6th – Praying when you feel overwhelmed

December 13th – Praying for God's timing

December 20th – Praying to walk faithfully

Supper will be served from 5pm to 6:15pm.

The Service will be at 6:30pm.

December 6th Youth Group

December 13th Quilters

December 20th Event Team



UPDATE TO FELLOWSHIP!!

Here is the schedule for fellowship. We ask that if you can't serve the Sunday that you are scheduled, please find someone to switch with. Each group is to bring in treats, serve, and clean up. Thank You!

December 3rd Ke. Hackett, Ky. Hackett, J. Hackett, T. Hackett

December 10th R. McKeever, J. Nelson, L. Popp

December 17th P. Dahl, S. Wood, B. Novitzki

December 24th No Fellowship

December 31st Volunteers Needed

January 7th J. Clasen, D. Giese, T. Hovland, A. Ostendorf

January 14th D. Erdmann, J. Brenny, D. Mickelson

January 21st S. Pressnall, C. Walberg, D. Cairns

January 28th M. Barringer, L. Saldana, K. Peterson



THE CRUSADE CHOIR from FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
presents

COMFORT AND
JOY

Directed by Jullian
Euteneuer

Dates:

Friday, December 8, 2023 – 7:00 pm
Saturday, December 9, 2023 – 7:00 pm
Sunday, December 10, 2023 – 2:00 pm

at First Presbyterian Church
340 5th Ave. South, St. Cloud, MN
320-251-8277

FREE WILL OFFERING

Proceeds will go to the Homeless Children's Ministry



Greetings,

We want to take a moment to wish you a very Merry Christmas. We will be celebrating Hope, Peace, Love, and Joy; we pray that all four of these will fill your life in every way this Christmas and beyond. As in all

previous years, we celebrate "Immanuel" (God with us) this Christmas. Without Christ's presence among us, we would be lost. Instead, we are healed, transformed, reconciled, and made whole through God's presence working within us. We pray you have a fantastic Christmas!

There will be a Christmas Giving Tree in the month of December. There are several items on the tree that are needed for families in need in our community. Please consider choosing a card or making a monetary donation to the giving tree. Items need to be at SOTP church office by **December 17th**.

Blessings to you all!

This Week at Shepherd of the Pines

Sunday, December 3rd (Music-Heather)

8:00 AM	Prayer Time
9:00 AM	Worship
10:00 AM	Fellowship
10:20 AM	Sunday School/Youth Group
10:30 AM	Bible Study

Monday, December 4th

7:30 PM	Bible Study – in homes
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Tuesday, December 5th

9:00 AM	Quilters
10:00 AM	Pastor Kampfer Introduction video
6:00 PM	Al-Anon Meeting
6:30 PM	Pastor Kampfer Introduction video

Wednesday, December 6th

9:30 AM	Bible Study
5:00-6:15 PM	Advent Supper (Youth Group)
6:00 PM	Confirmation
6:30 PM	Advent Service
7:30 PM	Youth Group

Thursday, December 7th

9:00-Noon **Pastor Dave Strohschein in the office**

9:00 AM	Quilters
7:00 PM	AA meeting

Sunday, December 10th (Music-Praise Team)

8:00 AM	Prayer Time
9:00 AM	Worship
10:00 AM	Fellowship
10:20 AM	Sunday School
10:20 AM	Special Congregational Meeting

SOTP Worship Team Serving, This Sunday
December 3rd

9:00am Worship:

Greeters: Tom & Jen Ollman
Projectionist: Julie Kiraly
Reader: Janet Maleska
Ushers: Keith & Brenda Hackett

Worship Leader: Brenda Hackett

Worship Service Shepherd: Ron McKeever

Fellowship Ke. Hackett, Ky. Hackett, J. Hackett, T. Hackett

SOTP Worship Team Serving, Next Sunday
December 10th

9:00am Worship:

Greeters: Milton & Marlene Popp
Projectionist: Denise Leahy
Reader: Lois Perleberg
Ushers: Brad & Holly Jasmer

Worship Leader: Jerry Nelson

Worship Service Shepherd: Paul Tschida

Fellowship R. McKeever, J. Nelson, L. Popp



We will be placing our order for Poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas. If you are interested in purchasing one, please fill out the information below.

We ask that you leave your plant(s) at church for all the Christmas services, and take home only the plant with your name tag.

1. Family Name

2. Phone #

Plant given In Memory of or In Honor of:



Please fill out the price sheet with your plant purchase. Plants will be purchased from Buds to Blossoms.

Checks should be made out to: Shepherd of the Pines with Christmas flowers on the memo line. Payment is required with your order.

The deadline for ordering is December 10th . Thank you!

If you have any questions please call Joan Ramey at (320) 217-4431

Holiday Floral Order

Plant	Price	Quantity	Total \$
6" Red Poinsettia	\$16.00	_____	\$_____

Total \$ _____